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APPENDIX



Manuscript Preparation

All material submitted for publication in the UI Research Exchange should be camera-ready. Use heavy weight 8 x 10 1/2 inch bond paper. Margins should be 1 inch wide all around. Single space, with a double space between paragraphs, and before and after headings.

See the Field Memorandum which follows, for detailed formatting instructions for submittal of descriptions of research projects planned and in progress, and those completed.

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DIRECTIVE: FIELD MEMORANDUM NO. 465-79

TO : ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

FROM : DON A. BALCER *Don A. Balcer*  
Acting Administrator  
Field Operations

SUBJECT : Establishment of Unemployment Insurance  
Research Exchange in FY '80

1. Purpose: To transmit information on establishing an Unemployment Insurance Research Exchange in FY '80, and to request from SESAs materials for publication in the Exchange.

2. Reference: None

3. Objectives: Research pertaining to the UI program is produced in the SESAs, DOL, National Commission on Unemployment Compensation, colleges and universities, and other private research institutions. Currently, no systematic means exist to disseminate information about this research. Therefore, the UIS is initiating an "Unemployment Insurance Research Exchange" in FY '80. This exchange, to be published periodically, is intended to provide ready access to research information, to facilitate communication among those working in related research areas, and to prevent duplication.

4. Definitions: Research to be included in the Exchange is defined as experimental and demonstration projects, analytical and methodological studies, evaluation studies, and discussion papers including issue and option papers, designed to:

a. Evaluate the extent to which current and alternative unemployment insurance program provisions meet the goals and objectives of the UI system.

b. Predict, for policy purposes, the performance of UI variables.

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- c. Explain the relationship among unemployment insurance program variables and economic and social variables.
  - d. Investigate the relationship between the unemployment insurance program and income maintenance programs and public employment services programs.
  - e. Develop theory or improved research methods relevant to the above evaluations and investigations.
5. Scope. Specific items to be published in the Exchange will include:
- a. Information on research
    - (1) Projects planned, in progress or completed.
    - (2) New developments in research methods (e.g., models, statistical techniques, software).
    - (3) Summaries and bibliographies of completed research.
  - b. Announcements of research activities
    - (1) Staffing developments in the SESAs and the Unemployment Insurance Service.
    - (2) Research meetings, seminars and workshops.
  - c. Requests for information on planned and ongoing research
    - (1) Requests for data to carry out projects.
    - (2) Requests for help with specific problems encountered in planning or carrying out projects.

Any additional suggestions regional and SESA staff may have about the kinds of items they would like to submit or have published in the Exchange should be sent to the Unemployment Insurance Service (Attn: TURR).

6. Submittal Instructions. For the first issue, SESAs are requested to submit, by November 2, 1979, a description of those research projects planned for FY '80, that meet the definition of research in item 4 "Definition" section above.

The description should include:

Problem to be studied  
Study title  
Method

- Any hypotheses to be tested
- Methods of analysis
- Sampling design

Data source  
Expected completion date  
Name, address and telephone number of contact person for project

Descriptions of each project should not exceed one single-spaced typewritten page. After publication of the first issue of the Research Exchange, subsequent issues will be published when sufficient material has been submitted. SESAs are requested to submit, on an ongoing basis for subsequent publications, descriptions of new research projects planned and any revisions in research plans. Additionally, agencies are encouraged to submit, on an ongoing basis, any other items for the Research Exchange, as described in item 5 "Scope" section above.

Any descriptions of completed research projects should include the following (but not exceed two single-spaced typewritten pages);

Problem studied  
Study title  
Method

- Any hypotheses tested
- Methods of analysis
- Sampling design

Results, including findings and any conclusions and policy implications

Author

Availability (name, address, phone number of provider).

An example of a description of a completed research project is attached.

Items for inclusion, single-spaced on 8 by 10½ inch paper with one inch margins and camera ready, should be mailed to:

John Robinson  
Acting Chief, Division of Research Services  
Office of Research, Legislation and Program Policies  
Unemployment Insurance Service  
Employment and Training Administration  
Department of Labor  
601 D Street, N.W., Room 7402  
Washington, D.C. 20213

7. Action Required. RAs should inform SESA unemployment insurance research chiefs about the "Exchange" and the requested submittal of material for publication.
8. Inquiries. Questions should be directed to John Robinson on 8-376-6162.
9. Attachment. Example of description of completed research project.

Attachment to Field Memorandum 465-79

PROBLEM STUDIED

Exhaustion Ratios: The purposes of this study were to evaluate current and alternative methods of determining exhaustion ratios under the regular unemployment insurance (UI) program and to try to develop methods for determining these ratios for the Extended Benefits (EB) and the Federal Supplemental Benefits (FSB) programs.

STUDY TITLE

An Evaluation of Current and Alternative Methods of Determining Exhaustion Ratios (UI Occasional Paper Series Number 79-4)

METHODOLOGY

Sampling design:

Universe of final payments in 1975 in three study States.

Data source:

Data were supplied by the Missouri, Nevada, and New York employment security agencies.

Methods of analysis:

Analysis consisted of examination of tabulations of all final payments under the regular UI program in 1975 in the study States distributed by the month in which the beneficiaries received first payments. Separate tabulations were examined for final payments under the EB and FSB programs distributed by month of first payment under the respective program. Tabulations were also available distributing EB final payments by the month in which they received first payments under regular UI, and FSB final payments by the month in which they received first payments under the regular UI and EB programs.

RESULTS

Based upon data from three study States, the use of



the traditional 6-month lag period in calculating exhaustion rates for the regular UI program was found to yield accurate rates. It is not now possible to recommend a method for calculating such rates for the EB program in all States. However, based on these preliminary findings, methods are suggested for calculating such rates in States providing uniform duration of 26 weeks for regular benefits. The proportion of EB beneficiaries exhausting EB should be calculated as EB final payments for a 12-month period divided by EB first payments for a 12-month period ending three months earlier. The proportion of regular UI beneficiaries exhausting regular UI and EB should be calculated as EB final payments for a 12-month period divided by regular UI first payments for a 12-month period ending 9 months earlier. Methods for determining exhaustion ratios for the FSB program cannot be determined at this time.

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AVAILABILITY

Copies of the paper are available from DOL/ETA, Office of Information, Patrick Henry Building, Room 10024, 601 D Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20213

